

Appl. No. 09/437,006
Amdt. dated May 6, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 30, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowed subject matter in claims 19-20.

Claims 1, 3-18, 19-21 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 3-18, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling.

Claims 1, 3-18 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Grimbergen et al.* (U.S. 6,081,334; hereinafter "*Grimbergen*") in view of *Witek et al.* (U.S. 5,627,395; hereinafter "*Witek*")

Please cancel claims 1,3-18, and 21 without prejudice. Claims 19-20 have been amended per Examiner's suggestions. The rejections raised by the Office Action are rendered moot.

Applicants believe they have addressed the Examiner's concerns. Therefore, the claims, as amended, are believed allowable over the cited references. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (408) 474-9063.

Please charge any fees other than the issue fee and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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